

June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

*Monroe Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming congregation.
Our deacons and pastors hope you will feel at home here. No matter who you are or
where you are on life's journey, we welcome you in Christ's name.*

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Gathering Music

Prelude

Francois Couperin

Welcome & Announcements

Moment of Quiet & Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship *(adapted from Psalm 133)*

Leader: How very good it is when the beloved community live together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil on our heads which anoints our worship and praise.

Leader: It is like a soft mist, which falls on the mountains of the earth.

All: Our God has ordained the blessing, life forevermore.

Opening Prayer

Marc Cardentey, Deacon of the Day

***Our Church's Covenant**

inside front cover of hymnal

Children's Message

*Students may remain in church with their families,
the nursery is staffed to care for younger children.*

***Hymn**

Morning Has Broken

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Call to Confession – Unison Prayer - Silent Prayer

*Holy One, you are the creator of all things based on love. You created us in your image
and yet there have been times we have fallen short of that love, not only in our
relationship with you but with each other and all of creation. We ask for your
forgiveness and thank you for the comforting strength and compassion of the Holy
Spirit to do better in bringing love and grace and all that we do. In Jesus' name we
pray. Amen. ~silence~*

Words of Assurance

***Passing of the Peace**

*In order for those tuning in from home to feel included,
please turn and greet the webcam as you share signs of peace with one another.*

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer -- Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our
debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Time for Giving

Invitation

Offertory

God’s Eye Is on the Sparrow *Charles Gabriel and Civilla Martin*
David Walker, soloist

*Our offering plate will be passed among us today.
You may give online at www.mcc-ucc/donate.*

***Doxology and Presentation**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, the Word in flesh, born low,
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore,
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen!*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture

Genesis 11:1-9, pg 8

If you would like to read along, Bibles may be found underneath the pew in front of you.

Sermon

Left Out No More

Rev. Jennifer Gingras

***Closing Hymn**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (verses 1 & 3)

NCH #77

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in E-flat

Theodore Pendergrass

God is still speaking, welcome to all who are worshipping with us today, in-person and online! Worship is live streamed on church’s You Tube Channel under CCLI Streaming License #2169137 on: <https://www.youtube.com/monroecongregationalchurchucc>, as well as on our Facebook page “Monroe Congregational Church, UCC”

We are an **Open & Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ, and we invite everyone to join in the full life and ministry of this church. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus’ model of loving acceptance and welcome to all persons, inclusive of every age, race, ability, economic and social status, nationality, faith background, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital standing and family structure.

Please join us for a time of **fellowship** following the service in Wilton Hall.

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken, Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing, Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall, Sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise very morning,
God’s creation of the new day!



If you'd like to **give online** during worship (or anytime), simply scan this QR code, which will take you to our VANCO electronic giving page. Thank you so much for your support.

Thank you for assisting in this morning's worship!

- **Deacon:** Marc Cardentey
- **Usher:** Susie Cuseo
- **Lay Reader:** Melissa Quinn
- **Trustee:** Andrew Logan
- **Counter:** Bill Stadler
- **Coffee Host:** Marc Cardentey
- **Web Steward:** Scott Young

Flowers for Worship: Would you like to honor or remember a loved one, or celebrate a milestone? You can do so, while also helping Monroe Congregational Church continue its tradition of fresh **flowers** on the communion table. You can sign-up in Wilton Hall or online! You may choose to arrange flowers from your garden, purchase an arrangement, or send a check (\$25) to Monroe Congregational Church (memo: "flowers" & the date) or use our website to pay online, and we will order for you. If you are supplying the flowers yourself, please set them up between 9:30am and 9:45am, before worship. Thank you!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAC2CA5FEC61-flowers> or MCC-UCC.org



to the following people and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number is birth date)

Michael Ganino ⁽²³⁾
Julia Gutierrez ⁽²³⁾

Hannah Halloran ⁽²³⁾
Sara Post ⁽²⁹⁾

Dan Sullivan ⁽²⁹⁾



Happy Wedding Anniversary to the following couples and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers.
(Number is anniversary date)

Ron & Peggy Villani ⁽²⁴⁾ and Stacy & Mark Andrejczyk ⁽²⁹⁾



Diane is scheduled for vacation on Mondays throughout the summer, beginning next Monday, July 1st.
Happy Summer!



The **Monroe Summer Day Camp** will be renting our MCC campus again this year. The camp will provide added income for the church during the months of June, July and August. If you need to enter the building between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday please stop into the office and ask Diane to notify the camp director. **If the office is closed, please use the walkie-talkie provided to notify the camp director, Karen or Krissy, of your presence.** Thank you!

Fellowship

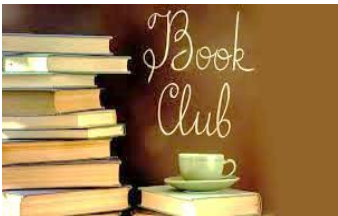


MCC Summertime Coffee Hour Hosts: Are you interested in providing refreshments for our church members and friends following Sunday worship! All you need to do is arrive at the kitchen by 9:45 to get the coffee going (instructions found on kitchen wall). Providing baked goods or other snacks are always welcome (but not mandatory). Please sign up in Wilton Hall. (Although one can do it, it's fun to serve with a friend). Thank you!

We encourage anyone to join us on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

We will continue to meet via zoom so that all members can join from wherever they may be. Questions can be sent to Paula via email pjsh55@gmail.com or home phone or 203-452-0850. The book club selections for upcoming months:

July 17th 7 pm Horse by Geraldine Brooks Host: TBA



Morning Circle will not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11 at 11AM in Dineson Parlor.



Young at Heart will meet Thursday, June 27 at noon, The Housatonic House, 337 Roosevelt Dr, Seymour RSVP to June Winger 203-268-4422

From the Historian's Notebook

Victorian Christmas Fair

Seeking creative minds to work together to offer an MCC Christmas fair on **Dec. 1st 2024**. Inquiring Minds may contact Gary Thompson, Church Historian, mailqtl@yahoo.com

A sign-up sheet has also been posted in Wilton Hall for the group of these creative minds to commit to organize this fundraiser event into a reality.



In Our Prayers

Nancy Smith, Alison Abrams (Jessica Pfalzgraf's sister); **Allie** (Colegrove's friend); **Jennifer Bittar** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend); **Jackie Bleakney; Byron Brown & Bruce Bryant** (friends of Will Duchon); **Lori Cimeno** (Peggy & Ron Villani's Daughter); **Kevin Daly** (Gary Thompson's friend); **Dawn** (Donna Konkol's Friend); **John Dominic** (Pfalzgraf's neighbor); **Dot Dralus; Matt Duchon; Elaine** (Wendy Colegrove's Aunt); **Bruno Forte** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **David Fischman** (Sue Granello's Friend); **Dave Fuller** (Gail Olson's brother); **Lehre Fuller** (Gail Olson's sister-in-law); **Bryan Garvin** (Mike Pfalzgraf's cousin); **Mary & Rachel Heerema** (Julia Gutierrez's mom & sister); **Brad Heines** (Susie Cuseo's friend); **Bob Heffernan** (Ann Zeiner's son-in-law); **Heather Henning; Brian Hopkins** (Donna Konkol's cousin); **Vera James** (Jenn Wissink's mother); **Jonathan** (Matt Colegrove's brother); **Kelti** (friend of Liska Gutierrez); **Walter Lane** (Marge Fox's brother-in-law); **Monica Lynch** (Bethany Dupuis' friend); **Nicole Malia; Betty McKeown** (Donna Konkol's mother); **Mike** (Janie Allen's son); **Jean Moffat; Olivia Morrison** (Donna Nickdow's niece); **Joe Mumper** (Julie McClenathan's friend); **Pat Nugent; Ocampo family** (friends of Liska Gutierrez); **Nancy Olofson; Missy & Gail Olson; Dean Perosino** (Gayle Hammond's brother); **Josh Post; P.T. Philip** (Liz Sampson's father); **Regina Roberts** (Kathy Maiolo's niece); **Alfredo Rodriguez** (Osirus Gutierrez's cousin); **Noah Santiago** (Shari Carrano's great-grandson); **Carlos Serrano** (Kathy Maiolo's cousin); **Yessika Siccardi** (Sampson family friend); **Ed Simonovich** (Nancy Hedine's friend); **Bernie Sippin; Gary Sippin** (Lori Sippin's son); **John Skarupa** (Barb Pellegrino's brother); **Sheldon Smith; Christine Stadler; Christian & Dain Steiner** (Julie McClenathan's nephews); **Claire Stenzel** (June & Myron Winger's granddaughter); **Wayne Thompson** (Gary Thompson's brother); **Richard Turco** (Jack Fracassini's cousin); **June Wilkes, Charles L. Wynn, Sr.,** (and his mother) **Alleane** (friend of Will Duchon); **Allen Zeiner** (Ann Zeiner's son); **Ann Zeiner**

The concerns of our world: The people of **Ukraine** and the **Middle East; LGBTQ+ children and their families** facing discrimination; those who serve or live in **war or conflict zones** around the world; **first responders** and those who serve in **law enforcement**; those who suffer **discrimination**; those who struggle with **mental illness, addiction, divorce or separation; Caregivers**; the **homeless, homebound and refugees.**

Those serving in the military, veterans & their families:

Stateside: **Lt. Col. Rachel Hoffman**, Tacoma, Washington (Vaughan Askue's daughter) **Justin Riffard**, Pensacola Naval Air Station, **Zachary Gingras**, 395th Combat Sustainability Support, **Joel Smith**, 250th Engineering Company **Chris Meneses** (Lorraine Zeiner's friend)

Kuwait: **Jon Sanchez** (Don Whiteley's grandson-in-law)

MCC Community Calendar

Week of Sun. June 23rd

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Tue. June 25th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thurs. June 27th

12:00 pm Young @ Heart

Week of Sun. June 30th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. Jul 1st

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

Tue. June 2nd

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thurs. Jul 4th

Independence Day – office closed

Week of Sun. Jul 7th

Communion

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. Jul 8rd

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

Tue. July 9th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Week of Sun. Jul 14th

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

Mon. Jul 15th

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

Tue. July 16th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Wed. July 17th

7:00 pm Book Club

*Senior PF Mission Trip July 21 – 28
Appalachia Folk Life Center, Pipestem
WV*

Week of Sun. Jul 21st

10:00 am Worship

Mon. Jul 22nd

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

Tue. July 23rd

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag

Thurs. July 25th

12:00 pm Young @ Heart

Week of Sun. Jul 28th

10:00 am Worship

Mon. Jul 29th

Diane on Vacation - Office Closed

Tue. July 30th

9:30 am Mustard Seed Sort & Tag